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SUBJ: NEW POLISH POLAR STATION ON SPITSBERGEN ISLAND

1. ACCORDING TO ZYCIE WARSZAWY OF AUGUST 8, 1978, POLAND HAS ESTABLISHED A NEW POLAR STATION ON SPITZBERGEN ISLAND. AN EXPEDITION ORGANIZED BY THE GEOPHYSICAL INSTITUTE OF THE POLISH ACADEMY OF SCIENCES REACHED SPITSBERGEN AT THE END OF JUNE 1978 AND STARTED A THOROUGH RENOVATION AND MODERNIZATION OF THE SCIENTIFIC STATION IN THE HORNSUND FJORD.

2. IN ADDITION TO THE SCIENTIFIC TEAM, THE VESSEL KAPITAN LEDOCHOWSKI CARRIED TO SPITSBERGEN A SPECIAL TECHNICAL TEAM AND 800 TONS OF CARGO, INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS. IN PLACE OF AN OLD AND DELAPIDATED BUILDING, A NEW STATION WILL BE CONSTRUCTED. THE ONE-STORY BUILDING WILL INCLUDE TEN ROOMS FOR LIVING QUARTERS, DAY ROOM, KITCHEN, LABORATORY, COMMUNICATIONS CENTER, WORKSHOPS, AND STORAGE SPACES. ALSO PLANNED ARE A
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TEMPORARY ELECTRIC POWER STATION AND RADIO STATION.

3. THE ARTICLE STATES THAT MODERNIZATION OF THE RESEARCH STATION WILL PROVIDE A YEAR-ROUND BASE FOR SCIENTISTS AND TECHNICIANS. AT THE SAME TIME, THE STATION WILL SERVE AS A BASE FOR SUMMER RESEARCH PROJECTS. A WINTER TEAM WILL

CONDUCT RESEARCH AND COLLECT DATA ON METEOROLOGY, CLIMATOLOGY, SEISMOLOGY, MAGNETOLOGY, AND GLACIOLOGY. AFTER THE STATION HAS BEEN REBUILT INTENSIVE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IN THE AREA OF THE WERENSKIOLD (POLISH SPELLING) ICEBERG WILL BE CONDUCTED. THE GEOPHYSICAL INSTITUTE GROUP HAS BEEN JOINED BY A FOUR-MAN SCIENTIFIC TEAM OF THE SILESIAN UNIVERSITY WHICH WILL CONDUCT GEOMORPHOLOGICAL RESEARCH IN SORKAPP LAND, AT THE SOUTHERN TIP OF THE ISLAND.

4. WILL REPORT FURTHER INFORMATION ON THIS SUBJECT AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE.
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